

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

## COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No.

10/039,442

Applicant(s)

Thomas Ward Osborn, III

Soft Comformable Hollow Bag Tampon

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- 1. [X] No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
- 2. [] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	*	MINUS	**	=	x \$18 =	\$
INDEP.	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$86 =	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$290 =	\$
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- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- \*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- 3. [] The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
- 4. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
  - a. [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
  - b. [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- The Director is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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Date: April 7, 2004

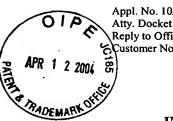
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700 AMENDMENT AFTER 1ST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.43

Commissioner for Patents

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## **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of March 19, 2004, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.